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FREE EVENTS



[Jerico Faire](#)

Saturday, November 30, 2024 at 11:00 am

Presented by [Jerico](#)

This holiday season, come shop from 50+ other artists and small businesses at the @JericoFaire on Small Business Saturday, November 30th, from 11am-5pm at 1501 Fulford St in Kalamazoo, MI at @JericoKzoo! Browse art and handmade goods from local artists and makers, get a family winter photo taken at the outdoor photo booth, and enjoy delicious food and drinks from @PACPizzeriaMI, @RedTrikelceCream, and @FiddleLeafCafeKzoo. Stay awhile, and listen to the local musicians who make up The Quartet – a music group comprised of local college and high school students led by cellist Alex Roberts. This event is free to the public. Do you have a passion for building community and the local arts? We are looking for volunteers ages 14 and up to join our crew! Free exclusive Jerico Faire volunteer bandana. Sign up.

MUSIC



[Jazz Combo Showcase](#)

Monday, November 25, 2024 at 7:30 pm

Presented by [WMU School of Music](#) at [Western Michigan University - Dalton Center Recital Hall](#), 1903 W. Michigan Avenue, Kalamazoo, MI 49008

Free concert featuring student combos from Western's celebrated Jazz Studies program.



[Western Horn Choir](#)

Tuesday, Nov 26, 2024 at 7:30 pm

Presented by [WMU School of Music](#) at [Western Michigan University - Dalton Center Recital Hall](#), 1903 W. Michigan Avenue, Kalamazoo, MI 49008

This semester's diverse program features horn students in both large and small ensembles performing original compositions and effective transcriptions.

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[A Baroque Noël](#)

December 1, 2024 at 3:00 pm

Presented by [Early Music Michigan](#) at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 1747 W Milham Ave, Portage, MI 49024

To celebrate the Christmas season, we will present the *Messe de Minuit* of Marc-Antoine Charpentier. This special mass is based on ten beloved French Noëls, which we will feature in settings for organ and chamber ensemble. To that end, we will be joined by Michigan-based historical performance ensemble [Les Écuries du Roy](#), an oboe band who will perform with us on reproductions of seventeenth-century instruments.



[KCC Concert Band presents "Festive Fanfares"](#)

Sunday, December 1, 2024 at 3:00 pm

Presented by [Kellogg Community College](#) at Binda Performing Arts Center, 450 North Ave., Battle Creek, MI 49017

The KCC Concert Band, performing under the baton of Director Christopher Momcilovich, will present its "Festive Fanfares" concert starting at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 1, in the Binda Performing Arts Center on campus at 450 North Ave. The event is free and open to the public. The concert program includes a selection of holiday favorites including "Fantasia for Christmas," "A Fireside Christmas," "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," "Old Brenton Carol" and more.

THEATRE



[A Christmas Carol - Adapted by Patrick Barlow](#)

November 21 - Dec 08, 2024 at 02:00 pm, 07:00 pm, 07:30 pm

Presented by [Farmers Alley Theatre](#) at [Farmers Alley Theatre](#), 221 Farmers Alley, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Farmers Alley Theatre invites you to feel the holiday cheer by coming to see a new version of *A Christmas Carol*. Patrick Barlow, writer of the Broadway and West End hit, *The 39 Steps*, has retold Charles Dickens' holiday classic, and this unique production is filled with music, puppetry, pantomime, farce, and uses only five actors to bring some of Dickens' most beloved characters to life! From Tiny Tim to Bob Cratchit to the three ghosts, Barlow's *A Christmas Carol* uses nothing more than some simple props, fresh physicality, and the power of imagination to convey this timeless story of redemption. Witness Ebenezer Scrooge's transformation from a stingy miser to a man who generously celebrates the spirit of the season all year long, in this highly theatrical adaptation perfect for the whole family.

Directed by Christopher Llewyn Ramirez (*Native Gardens*) and featuring Mark Jaynes (WMU alum) as Scrooge. Kim Krane (WMU alum), Christopher Eastland, Nikki Yarnell, and William Anthony Sebastian Rose II will be playing all the other characters! When asked about coming back to Farmers Alley Theatre to direct this distinctive piece of theatre, Christopher said, "My mission as a theatre artist is to build community and inspire new ways of thinking through theatricality, creativity, and truth. This adaptation encourages all of these things. There is a Mr. Scrooge in all of us and,

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in 2024, we could all use the reminder to move and make decisions in this world with our hearts and not our pocketbooks. And why not laugh while doing so?"

Managing Artistic Director, Jeremy Koch says "The Farmers Alley production of *A Christmas Carol* is going to be a feast for the eyes and ears. It's a little scary, very funny and tugs on your heartstrings. The whole family will love it!"

A Christmas Carol runs for three weeks from November 21 through Dec 8, 2024. American Sign Language (ASL) interpreted performance on Thursday, December 5 at 7:30pm. ASL performances generously sponsored by Barbara A. Rider and Fred W. Sammons. Tickets are available for purchase at www.farmersalleytheatre.com or by calling the Box Office at 269-343-2727.

The show is a little scary at times. Recommended for audience members 7 years old and up.

A Christmas Carol is generously supported by our Season Equity Sponsor The Tyler Little Family Foundation and by our show sponsors DeMent & Marquardt, PLC, and Varnum LLP.



[Blunder Bus Improv Comedy](#)

Friday, November 29, 2024 at 7:30 pm

Presented by [Crawlspace Comedy Theatre in Historic First Baptist Church Building](#), 315 W. Michigan Ave, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

High-energy games and fun characters are front and center with Blunder Bus as they find the hilarity in everyday life! This team performed double duty at last year's Fest and they'll bring 200% this year. *Honk Honk*

Show Date: November 29

Show Time: 7:30-9p

Tickets: \$12

Doors Open: 6:30p

Intended for mature audiences.



[Riddled With English Improv Comedy](#)

Saturday, November 30, 2024 at 7:30 pm

Presented by [Crawlspace Comedy Theatre](#) at [Crawlspace Comedy Theatre in Historic First Baptist Church Building](#), 315 W. Michigan Ave, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Since the dawn of time, improv troupe Riddled with English has entertained the masses. Now, it's your turn. High energy, short games, with lots of laughs. Get ready to get Riddled with English!

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[Legendary Voices: Art for the Next Century](#)

Sep 7, 2024 - Feb 16, 2025

Presented by [Kalamazoo Institute of Arts](#), 314 S. Park Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

For 100 years, the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts has served as an art museum and community-based art school for local, regional, and national audiences. In honor of our centennial, the KIA is proud to present *Legendary Voices: Art for the Next Century*. This exciting exhibition pairs and occasionally groups artworks from different periods, artists, and genres creating compelling connections and dialogues, while also illuminating the breadth of the KIA's collection. Themes such as abstraction, environment, identity, and portraiture converge with artistic expressions and innovative practices offering shared narratives and often unexpected parallels. These thoughtful and at times, unusual, selections offer new perspectives and deeper insights into artistic processes spanning several centuries, while also emphasizing notable events and moments during the last century.

Legendary Voices: Art for the Next Century also explores how artists grapple with the human condition, question society's most pressing issues, and draw from their unique cultural contexts and individual experiences. Expect new and familiar works in dialogues that offer fresh ways to consider age-old subjects and genres of artmaking, while also celebrating the distinctiveness of the KIA's collection, its arts school, and educational programs.



[Powerful Forces: Legends, Rituals, and Warriors in East Asian Art](#)

Sep 14, 2024 - Jan 19, 2025

Presented by [Kalamazoo Institute of Arts](#) at [Kalamazoo Institute of Arts](#), 314 S. Park Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Through depictions of quiet temples and sacred deities, ceremonial vessels and devoted priests, and the esteemed figures of scholars and samurai, *Powerful Forces: Legends, Rituals, and Warriors in East Asian Art* illuminates the profound themes of power and legend intrinsic to East Asian heritage.

Temples, deities, priests, and holy figures are far more than artistic subjects; they are emblems central to East Asian culture and their diverse societies. These depictions, crafted with imagination, detail, and reverence, symbolize the quest for spiritual harmony and the connection between the divine and the mundane. These sacred entities invite viewers to reflect on their enduring influence and spiritual significance.

Powerful Forces delves into the rich symbolism and mythology surrounding these divine and cultural figures, exploring the multifaceted dimensions of power and legend in East Asian art and culture. The exhibition invites viewers to contemplate the intricate relationships between spirituality, tradition, intellectual endeavors, and martial prowess that have shaped East Asian societies over centuries.

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["Lunatic Fringe: Moon Studies" Art Exhibit](#)

Oct 28 - Dec 14, 2024

Presented by [Kellogg Community College | Davidson Visual and Performing Arts Center](#), 450 North Ave, Battle Creek, MI 49017

The exhibit, titled "Lunatic Fringe: Moon Studies," opened Oct. 28 and will run through Dec. 14 in the Davidson Visual and Performing Arts Center's Eleanor R. and Robert A. DeVries Gallery, on campus at 450 North Ave. in Battle Creek.

The exhibit is free and open to the public during regular gallery hours, which are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays and 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursdays.

An opening reception with the artist – also free and open to the public – will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7, in the gallery, with an Artist Talk beginning at 4:30 p.m.